

**Comment
of the
day**

**NEW GUINEA
DANGER**

A NUMBER of countries are presently engaged in small wars. Some have taken a violent turn. Berlin has had its moments and there has been a certain amount of shooting. There still exists the division of opinion in the Communist bloc over Albania. The Congo is in a state of turmoil and it is hard to see what the eventual outcome will be and whether the United Nations, like its predecessor, the League of Nations will fail in the balance.

Korea and Vietnam are still potential sources for possible trouble. Under the guidance of the professed pacifists Nehru and his Defence Minister, Krishna Menon, India has invaded the Portuguese enclaves which have existed for hundreds of years.

NOW we have President Sukarno ranting again over the "liberation" of West New Guinea. How far he will go remains to be seen, but in the light of the Indian "liberation" of the Portuguese enclaves it is possible that another small war will break out. President Sukarno endeavored to blackmail the Dutch some years ago by nationalising their plantations. This failed and Dr Sukarno and his Foreign Minister, Dr Subandrio, have apparently pressed on with their plan of drawing a red herring over the nation with the object of taking the Indonesian mind off internal troubles.

President Sukarno's claim to West New Guinea (or as he prefers to call it, West Irian) is frankly imperialistic. The only thing Indonesia ever had in common was the Dutch as their colonial masters. The people of West New Guinea are a different race from the Indonesians. They don't even speak the same language; they do not have the same ideas or customs; they are primitive in the extreme.

THE Dutch are on the way to educating these people and if President Sukarno persists in demanding their liberation there will be further trouble in Asia. Any solution must be based on gradual self-government for the people of New Guinea. The only effect of an Indonesian takeover would be a change of colonial masters—a change which, we say, would be decidedly for the worse. How can it be otherwise when Indonesia has not yet given proof that it can keep its own house in order.

President Sukarno should not forget that the Australians, who administer the other half of New Guinea, also have an interest in this question. They fought in the defence of New Guinea against the Japanese and will not take lightly any infiltration into their area by a foreign power, particularly one as unstable and as vulnerable to Communist takeover as the Indonesians. There is a possibility one day that the two halves of New Guinea will be united in independent nationhood. Whatever encouragement Australia gives to Papuan self-government, it will never tolerate an extension of Dr Sukarno's "guided democracy" in this area of vital interest. If Dr Sukarno persists in his claim to the Dutch half, he must expect the active antagonism of the Australians, as today's statement by Opposition leader, Mr Arthur Calwell, makes clear.



B.E.A. COMET CRASHES, BURNS

**29 dead
in Ankara
disaster**

Ankara, Dec. 22. A British European Airways Comet 4 jetliner crashed in flames moments after take-off last night. First reports said 29 of the 34 people on board were killed.

They said four passengers were injured and taken to hospital. A fifth survivor who was only slightly injured was being treated at the airport's medical centre.

The officials said the Comet's crew of seven were all killed.

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Early reports that the plane had exploded in midair proved false. Airport officials, who were witnesses to the disaster, said: "The plane did not explode until it touched the ground. The violence of the explosion was such that it literally disintegrated the forward part of the fuselage and the entire cockpit."

One added: "I have the impression—but it is only an impression—that the crew noticed the beginning of a fire on board as the plane took off, and attempted to make a forced landing at the end of the airstrip. When the Comet touched the ground, it exploded."

Control tower operators said the big plane gained only about 1,000 feet of altitude before it crashed and split in two. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area about five miles east of the airport, located about 12 miles from the heart of Ankara.

The big jet, BEA flight 262, was bound from London to Tel Aviv, via Nicosia.

The time of the disaster, the second involving a Comet within six weeks, was 2145 GMT. An Argentine Air Lines Comet crashed in a similar accident in Sao Paulo, Brazil, last month.

A passenger list was not immediately available. However, the daughter of British Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Bernard Burrows, disembarked from the plane at Ankara just before the crash.

Attache

Among the survivors was a Turkish Cypriot Deputy to the Cypriot National Assembly, Hadji Ahmet. Another survivor was Hilmi Ulueren, of Ankara. A third survivor was identified as Israeli Army Colonel Joseph Kidar, military attache at the Israeli Embassy in Ankara.

Twelve of the 27 passengers aboard got on at Ankara.

Today's crash is the third major air disaster in Turkey in the past two years—and both the previous two happened near Ankara.

Last September, 28 passengers and crew were killed when a Turkish twin-engine Fokker airliner crashed into a hill near Ankara. A British woman and 10 Germans were among the dead.

In January last year a Caravelle airliner of Scandinavian Airlines System crashed into a hilltop near Ankara and 40 people were killed.

A total of 251 people have been killed in civil and military air crashes during the past two months—33 of them in December.—Reuters, AFP & AP.

BOATS MISSING

Two Japanese tuna fishing boats with 27 crewmen were missing in heavy seas about 1,700 miles east of Tokyo, the Maritime Safety Agency reported today.—AP.

The invaders ride into Goa



Indian troops riding in jeeps enter Goa as people line the roads. Three tiny Portuguese enclaves, Goa, Diu and Daman, were seized by the Indian forces two days after the start of the invasion.—AP Radio photo.

MACMILLAN MEETS KENNEDY

**Russia's advances in
N-arms on agenda**

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 22. President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan yesterday heard their atomic experts report essential agreement that analysis of recent Russian atmospheric test explosions showed considerable progress in the nuclear weapons field.

The joint presentation of separate British and U.S. scientific studies of the Soviet series was a major highlight of the five-hour discussion that marked the opening of the Kennedy-Macmillan meeting here.

Berlin and the Congo

Other topics dominating the first session were Berlin and the Congo. On all three major subjects, the spokesman for both sides said, there was "complete agreement" in Thursday's meeting, although this did not necessarily mean a sudden adjustment of policy differences between the two nations.

On Berlin, informed sources said Mr Kennedy and Mr Macmillan agreed on the resumption of "exploratory" talks with Russia early next year, seeking once again to determine Soviet readiness to negotiate a settlement on "an honourable basis."—UPI.

Goa invasion protest

**MACAO-BORN
HK RESIDENTS
EXPRESS
INDIGNATION**

Macao, Dec. 22. More than 600 Macao-born persons working in Hong-kong today sent a cable to the Governor Lieutenant-Colonel Jaime Silveira Marques protesting against the invasion of Goa.

They expressed their indignation over the invasion, and reaffirmed their solidarity with the "Portuguese nation."

THE TEXT

The text of the cable read: "Macao boys working in Hong-kong beg Your Excellency transmit population our voice of indignation on Goa event, maintaining our loyal faith on nation with honour of being Portuguese people."—UPI.

**HOME, SWEET
HOME**

Charleston, Va., Dec. 21. The department store clerk was filling out a sales slip during the Christmas shopping rush. As the woman customer gave her address, the harassed clerk remarked: "A madhouse, isn't it?" "No," replied the customer, somewhat testily, "it's a private residence."—AP.

**SQUABBLE OVER SALE PRICE OF ANOTHER
MAN'S WIFE LEADS TO MURDER**

Rome, Dec. 21. Police today said an Italian baker who had sold his estranged wife on a monthly installment plan in Reggio Calabria was shot and killed by the purchaser during an argument over a demand for a discount.

The baker, Vincenzo Marino, 32, was shot by Antonio Raffa in the square at the home of the wife, Francesca, 29, last night. Police said Marino agreed to sell his wife and mother of his three children to Raffa for US\$1,000 in monthly installments. Raffa, 30, a legal clerk, had made payments totalling \$960 when he balked last night at paying any more. Police said Marino insisted that Raffa live up to his agreement and pay the full price, whereupon Raffa killed him. Raffa disappeared after the shooting.—UPI.

**POPE JOHN
APPEALS
FOR PEACE**

Vatican City, Dec. 21.

Pope John tonight launched a Christmas peace appeal to the rulers of all nations to halt a possible "chain reaction of acts, decisions, resentments that could erupt into rash and irreparable deeds."



Pope John

The Pope, speaking in solemn tones in a world wide broadcast from the library of his Vatican apartment, said he refused to believe that man would deliberately destroy himself by the very wonders of science and technology.

progress he has mastered. "We cannot believe," he said, "that the terrific energy now under the control of man will be released for the world's destruction."

Fragile

"For side by side with elements of fear and apprehension, there are positive signs of goodwill that is constructive and productive of good."

"We appeal to the rulers of the nations, who today hold in their hands the fate of mankind. 'You also are men, fragile and mortal. Upon you are the anxious eyes of your fellowmen who are first your brothers before they are your subjects. With the authority which we have received from Jesus Christ, we say: shun all thought of force. Think of the tragedy of initiating a chain reaction of acts, decisions, resentments that could erupt into rash and irreparable deeds.'"

"You have received great powers not to destroy but to build, not to divide but to unite, not to cause tears to be shed but to provide employment and security."

The Pope's 3,000-word Christmas message, the fourth of his reign, was translated into 30 languages—including Russian—and beamed to the corners of the world by a complex of Vatican and international transmissions.

In Italy, it was televised.—UPI.

BRIEF

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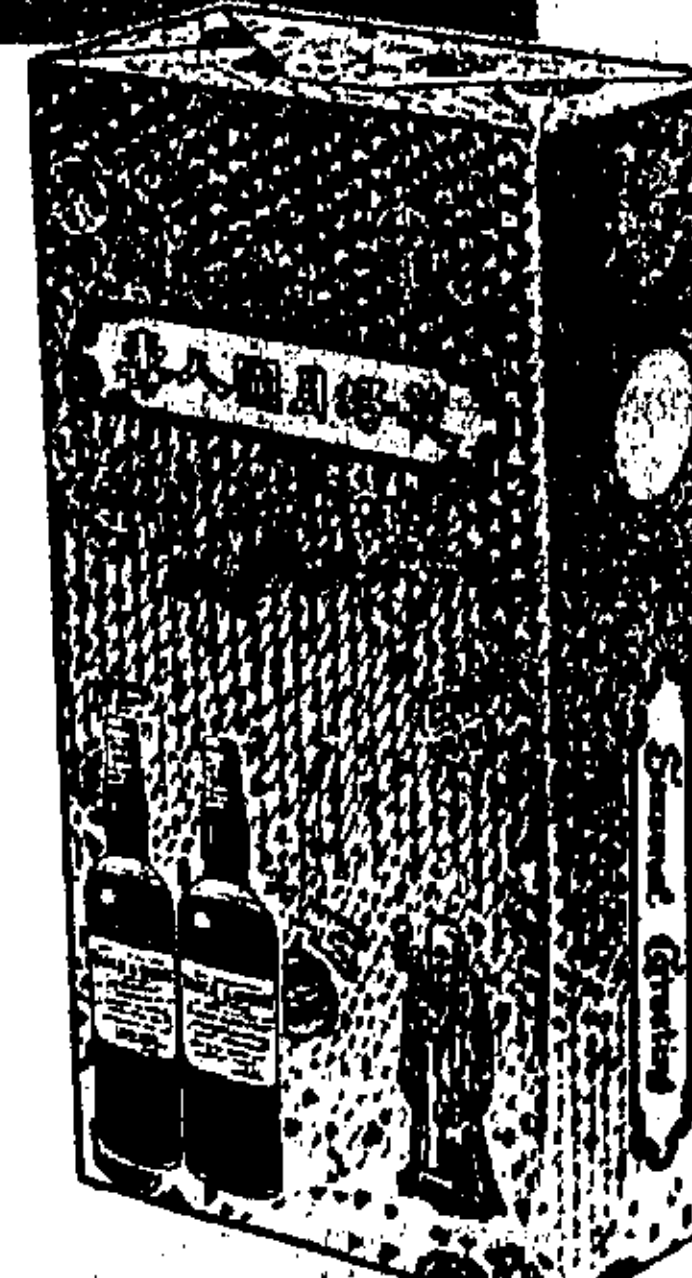
Managua, Dec. 21. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery said today it was "madness" to try to keep the world's largest nation—Communist China—out of the United Nations. Montgomery, who arrived in Nicaragua today on his tour of Latin America, left later for southern Nicaragua.—UPI.

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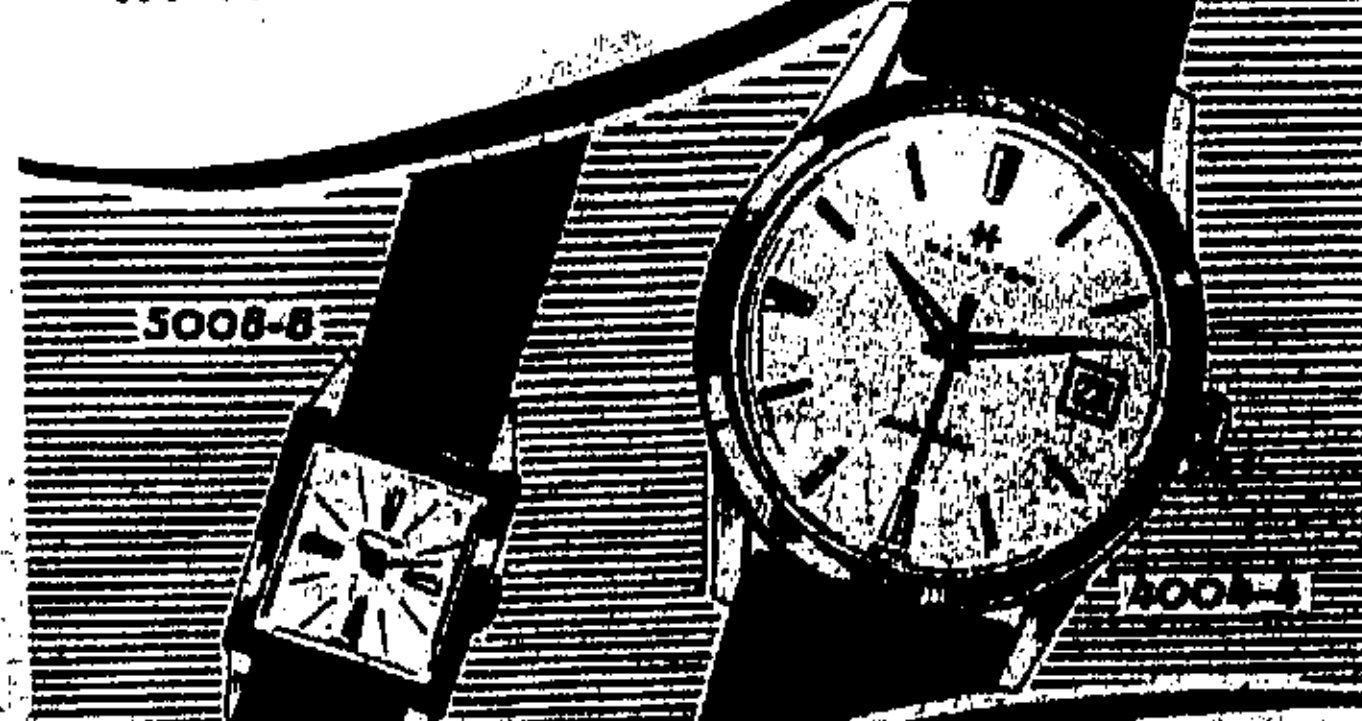
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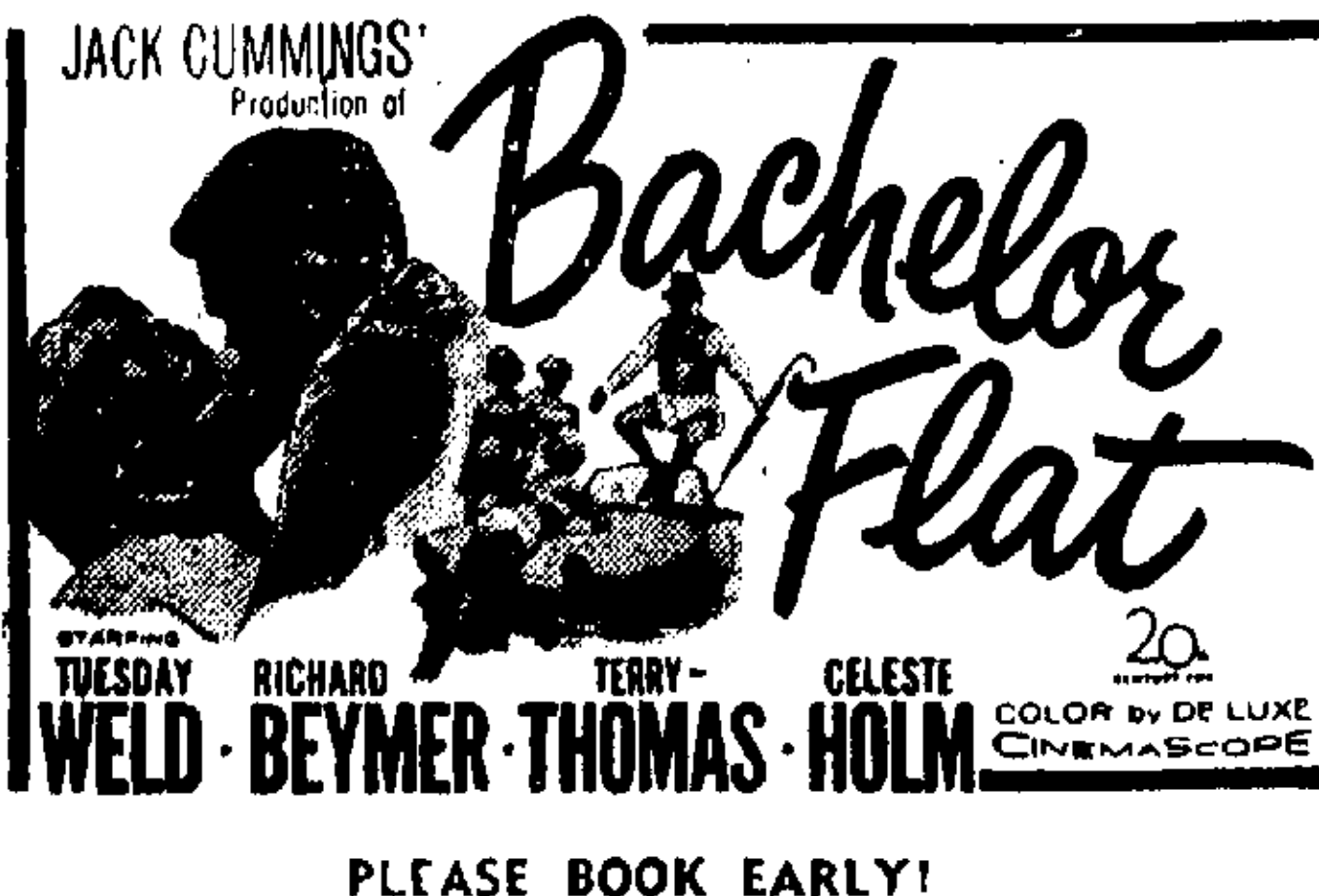


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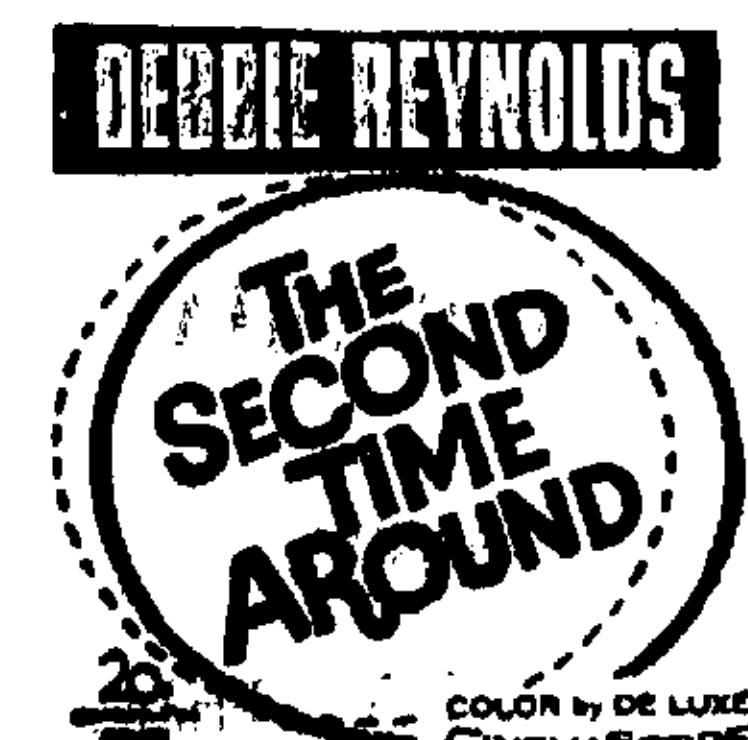
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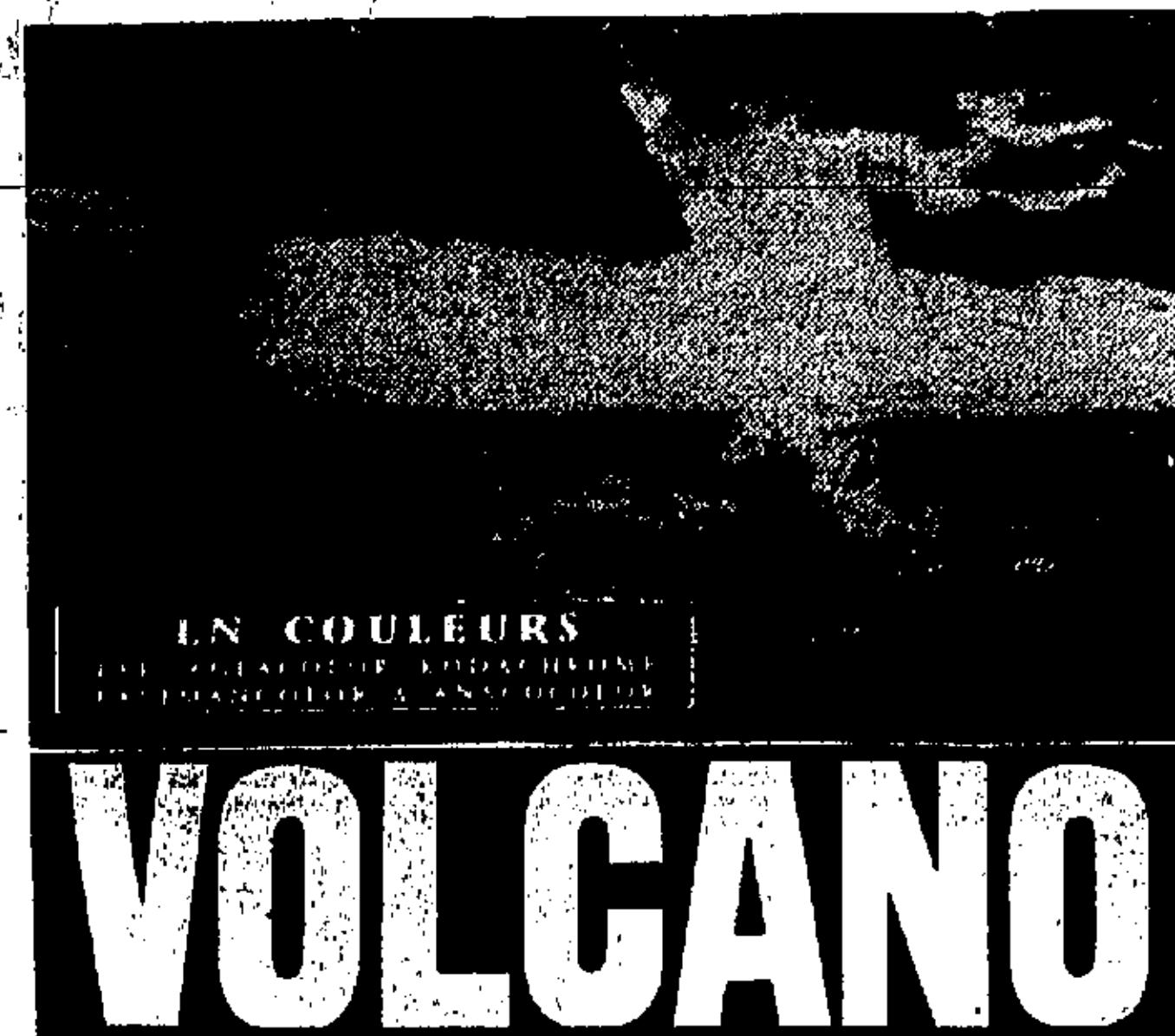


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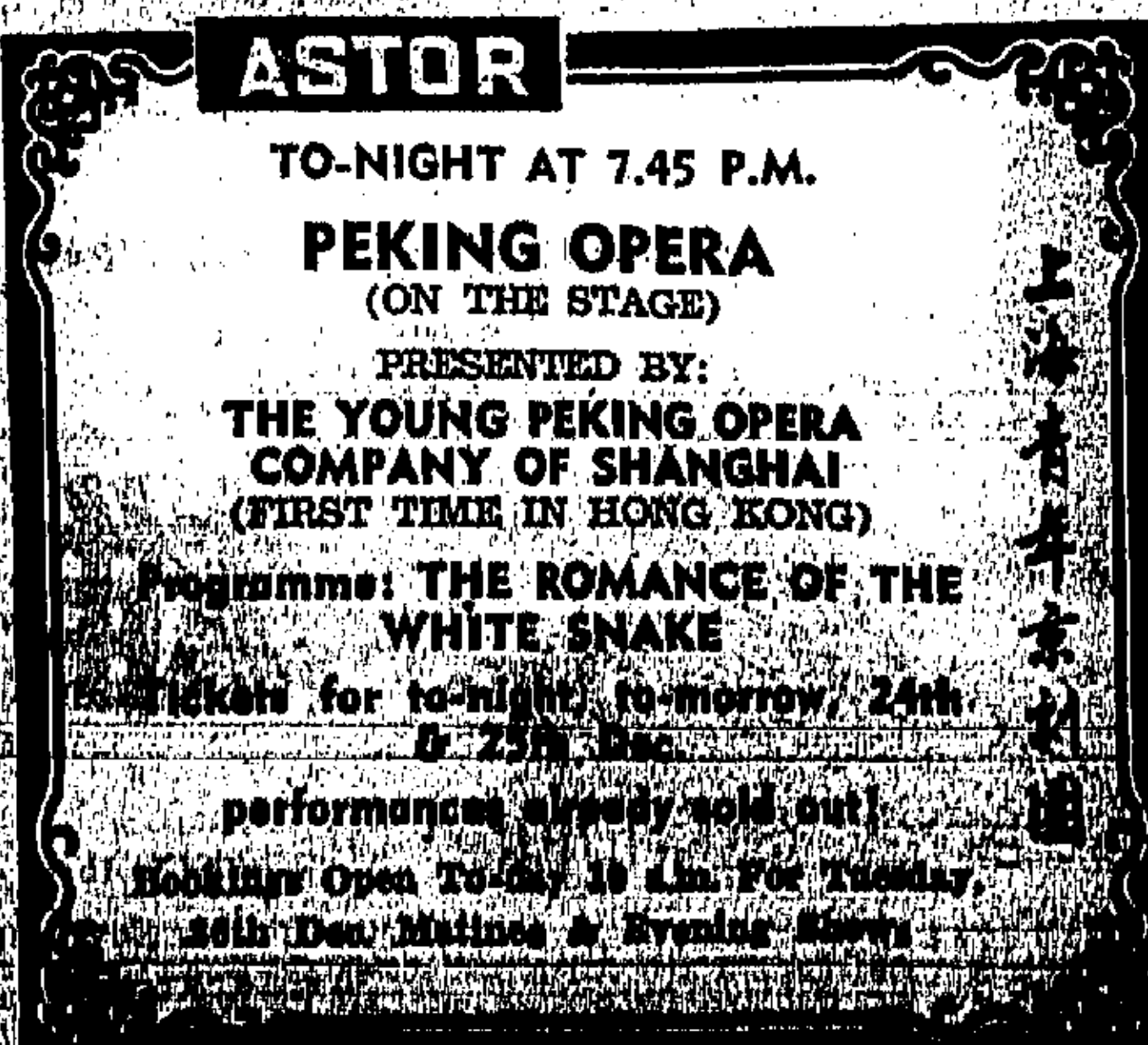
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The London Philharmonic Orchestra will arrive by air from London on March 3, next year, for two performances to mark the opening of Hongkong's City Hall.

Seaman charged with importing large amount of opium

A member of the crew on board the Ministry of Transport ship, Empire Gannet, was charged before Mr. K.A.S. Phillips at Central Magistracy this morning with possessing and importing "a large quantity" of opium.

Senior Inspector G. Fergusson asked the magistrate to remand the 54-year-old defendant, Tan Koo, alias Chan Kee, for three days in custody for further enquiries. This was granted.

It is alleged that the defendant yesterday had in his possession a quantity of dangerous drugs on board the Empire Gannet. The defendant is also charged with importing the drugs.

No plea was taken.

Man fined \$1,000 for not paying duty on alcohol

A 34-year-old man, Leung Yip-wo, was fined \$1,000 by Mr. J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he admitted possessing 14 gallons of dutiable alcohol.

Revenue Inspector D. A. Wyatt told the court that a party of Revenue Officers raided the defendant's premises at 105, Tamkung-road, Ground Floor, Kowloon City at 9.20 am on Wednesday and found 4 tins on dutiable alcohol.

The duty on the alcohol was \$344.90.

Military attache

Ottawa, Dec. 21. Colonel A. L. Brady, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, has been named to succeed Capt. D. Lanthier of the Royal Canadian Navy as Canada's Military Attache in Turkey, Army headquarters announced today.

Col Brady, who until recently was Provost Marshall for the Canadian Army, will assume the post in July.—AP.

Golden Jubilee Concert at HKU

by D. E. GRAY

THE Music Club of the University presented its Golden Jubilee Concert last evening at Loke Yew Hall.

I am sorry that the Club was not able to produce something better for such an occasion, although I am told that pending examinations made the task of the organisers difficult.

But making all allowances for that, what was surprising was that practically all performers appeared to have no immediate connection with the Music Club.

The Club has, apparently, no student orchestra, and it imported a very amateurish combination from the French Convent Girls School, which opened the programme with a Beethoven Minuet and Sørensen's "Swan".

The remainder of the first half consisted of a piano duet, tenor solos, cello solos, violin and piano solo.

In all it was of very amateur standard, and one was thankful to reach the second half of the programme when we had the pleasure of a repeat performance of part of the programme given by the Choral Group at their concert of 23rd November.

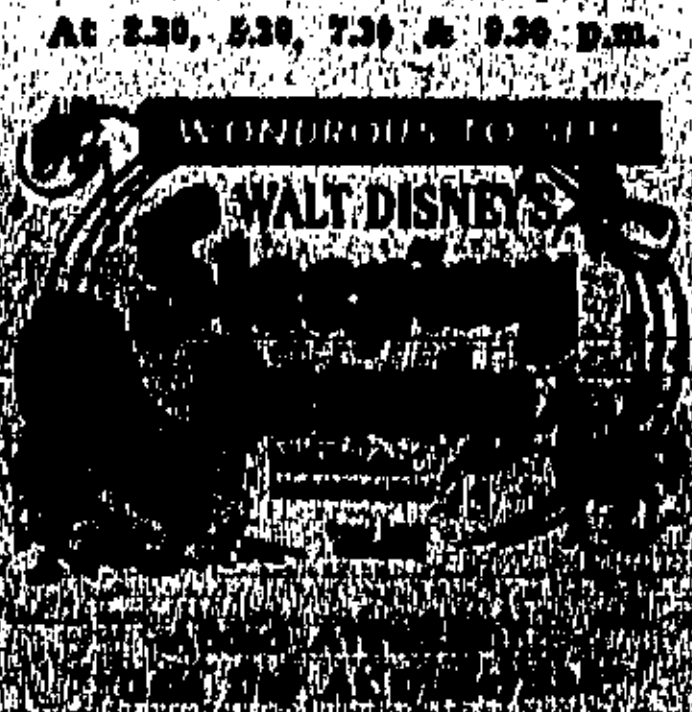
Extracts from Mendelssohn's "Praise Jehovah" and from Verdi's "La Traviata" were conducted as previously by Maestro Gualdi.

Father Monti was at the organ and again his excellent playing contributed greatly to the general production. The choir was in good form, and the Mendelssohn was particularly enjoyable on second hearing.

It is to be hoped that the Music Club of the University can strengthen its own music-making membership and present a concert by its own members rather than acting as mere organisers in the future.



— SHOWING TO-DAY —



FILIPINA JAILED FOR OBTAINING GOODS BY FRAUD

A 32-year-old Filipina housekeeper, Ramona Altura, was sent to prison for three months this morning when she admitted three charges of obtaining goods by false pretences.

Detective Inspector J. Turner told Mr. A. Garcia at South Kowloon Magistracy that the defendant had gone to a local bank on March 6 and opened an account with \$100.

On April 1 she went to the Maxim Record Co. at 134 Nathan-road, and bought 21 transistor radios valued at \$1,190, 10 gramophone records valued at \$212, and a camera valued at \$305.

She paid for the articles with

three cheques obtained from the bank.

The goods were sent to her hotel that evening and she left the Colony for Manila the next day with them.

On April 4, the record company proprietor went to the bank to cash the cheques and was told that the defendant had less than \$10 in the account.

The proprietor then reported the matter to the police.

The defendant flew in from Manila last Wednesday. Police arrested her in her hotel yesterday.

CHRISTMAS PROTEST

London, Dec. 21. Members of Britain's anti-nuclear "Committee of 100" today announced that its supporters would stage a 60-hour Christmas vigil outside nine British prisons where 48 of their members will spend the holiday.

The supporters, who believe in non-violent civil disobedience as a means of campaigning against Britain's possession of nuclear weapons, will begin their silent watch outside the prisons on Saturday.

The Home Secretary, Mr. R.A. Butler, today refused to grant a Christmas amnesty for those persons in prison "on grounds of conscience" who include members of the Committee of 100.—Reuter.

News from the Gazette

The registration of the Cheung Fung Chinese Music Amateur Society of Room 429 Hongkong and Yumati Ferry Staff Quarters, 222 Tai Kok Tsui-road, third floor, Kowloon, has been cancelled.

The name of P. C. Chow and Co. has been added to the authorised list of auditors.

The Hongkong Burnt Coal Workers Union (Kung-Yick) of Room 1005, Foo Kwai Building, 10th floor, East Block, Tai Kok Tsui-road, has been dissolved.

The registration of the Hongkong and Kowloon Salt Merchants Association of Room 404 Des Voeux House, third floor, Des Voeux-road West, has been cancelled.



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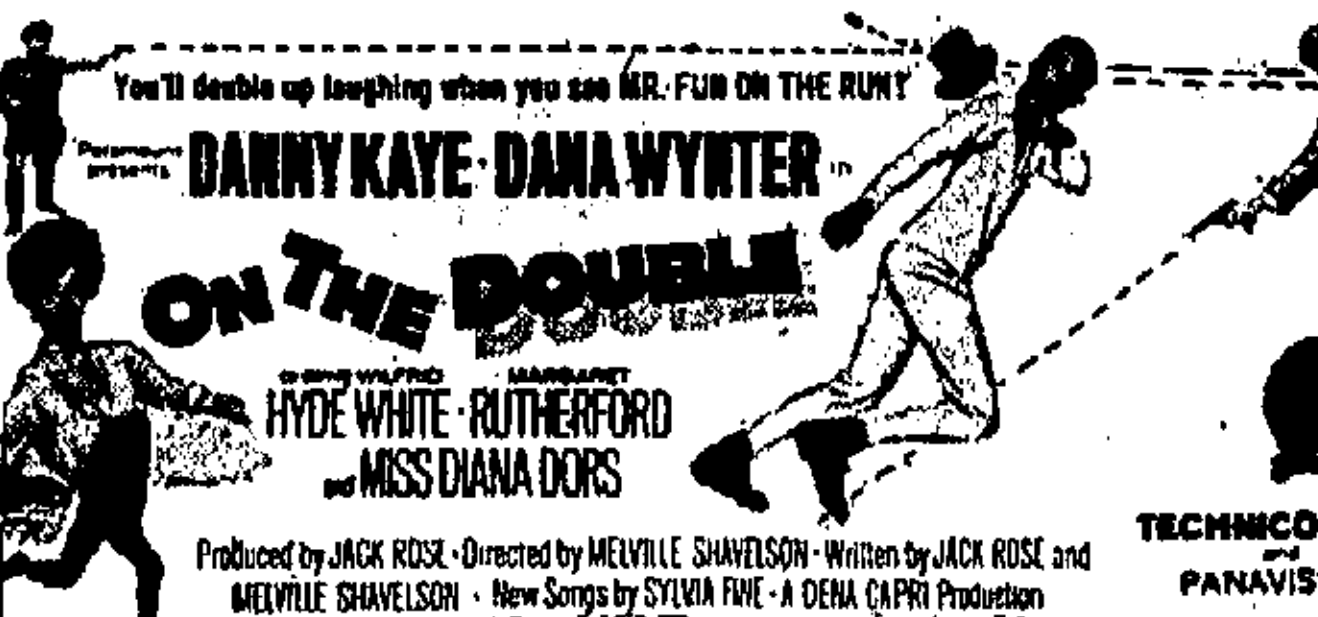
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SOMETHING peculiar has happened to the military mind when a general expresses dismay at the thought of having his command enlarged.

But this aberration is common among senior officers of the British Army, of the Rhine recently I have heard several apparently able, ambitious officers deplore the demand to send more British soldiers to Germany.

This demand was made of Mr. Harold Watkinson, the Defence Minister, at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation conference in Paris last week. It is supported by General Norstad, the NATO Supreme Commander in Europe, and the United States and German Governments.

It is even being suggested that only by sending more soldiers to Germany can Britain prove herself a loyal member of NATO and worthy of inclusion in the Common Market.

But this the British Government, it is known, does not wish to do. And in Germany, I have found that the practical soldiers feel the same way. Behind this conflict lies a confusion which is seriously weakening Western defence.

Clear cut

The facts of the case are clear cut. Britain is committed to maintaining in Germany—as part of the Northern Army Group—an Army with a peacetime strength of 55,000 men. In an emergency this would be increased by about one-third to war strength.

At this moment the Rhine Army is short of its peacetime strength by some 4,000 men. The most acute shortages are of drivers, signallers and medical staff but, it is claimed, the Army's fighting quality is little affected.

Most of these shortages are now being made good and within three months the peacetime strength should have been reached and—if the 3,000 troops in Berlin are included—exceeded.

But this is unlikely to satisfy NATO.

Nor, at the moment, does the British plan to strengthen the Rhine Army in an emergency. Details of this plan are secret, but I can say that it could entail flying tens of thousands of soldiers to Germany in a very few days.

The reservists, who would go, have all been earmarked. A job has been picked for every one of them.

Their equipment — from bed-rolls to tanks — awaits them in Germany. Well within a week the Rhine Army could be above its war strength.

In addition there is now forming in this country a heavy division which could be shipped to Germany at short notice as the Rhine Army's immediate reserve.

But even these elaborate plans do not seem to satisfy NATO. What is needed, they say, are

By TOM POCOCK

more soldiers on the ground in Germany now. Soldiers who can show that the West is equally ready to defend its frontiers with conventional as with nuclear weapons.

Overcrowding

This demand, British commanders in Germany reject firmly on practical grounds. One officer told me bluntly that to increase the Rhine Army now would "only deaden the whole outfit."

The reason is overcrowding. Even now, with the new German Army, completing the ninth of its planned 12 divisions, there is barely room in North Germany for the existing Rhine Army.

Firstly, there is the problem of training areas. These are so few and so small that the British, German, Dutch and Belgian troops of the Northern Army Group must queue to use them and even so every formation seriously lacks field training.

Hence, German tanks must use firing ranges in Pembrokeshire. British commanders are convinced that an enlarged

Rhine Army would mean that no unit would be able to achieve the minimum standard of field training.

Secondly, there is the housing problem. For British troops, Germany counts as a "home posting." Thus a soldier may spend three years there between spells in, say, the Far East and the West Indies. But the housing shortage is such that thousands of men cannot have their families with them, or, if they do, must live in appalling conditions.

Not enough

A programme to build nearly 8,700 more married quarters has been approved and the first 300 have already been occupied. But this programme will not be completed until the end of 1963 and even then the demand will not be satisfied.

Some 200 caravans have been ordered to ease the strain and many soldiers have been told that their families can only be housed in Germany if they are so far away that they can only be together at weekends.

At Hameln, where the housing problem is comparatively easy, I visited the Middlesex Regi-

ment. Although they have been there for about three years some 40 families are still living in German hotels. This can mean that a soldier and his wife must share a room with one or two small children.

Others have married quarters 30 to 50 miles away and spend hours travelling every day. A sergeant told me: "If a man has housing trouble it shows in his work."

Commanding officers in Germany agreed unanimously that any large increase in the number of soldiers' wives and children—they already number 36,000—would worsen the already bad housing problem intolerably and affect morale.

Another objection is far more serious.

This is the British belief that the NATO ambition to match man for man with the Communists is dangerously wrong.

One senior British officer told me: "My command is trained to fight with conventional or nuclear weapons—but it can only fight effectively with nuclear weapons."

There is deep mistrust among the British of the vague NATO hope of "forcing a pause" with conventional weapons. They know that even if the NATO armies could initially match the Communist armies between the North Sea and the Alps the limitless Russian trained reserves would be decisive—unless nuclear weapons were used against them.

—(London Express Service).

Foreign population jolted

Japan newsletter
from David Gordon

Tokyo.
The complacent Japanese — and practically the entire foreign population — have been considerably jolted by the arrest of 13 ultra-rightists who were plotting a bloody overthrow of Japan's government.

It is much too early by Japanese standards to expect a revelation of all the facts—and more important still—the "big name" people who are involved in some manner or form.

The arrest of this group of 13 does not imply that the possibility of a coup d'état at some future date, has been eliminated altogether. Rather to the contrary, it indicates the existence of a stubborn element in Japan which would not hesitate to resort to mass murder to gain power.

CENTRAL FIGURE

Toyosaku Kawanami, the central figure in the plot, was a close personal friend and henchman of General Tojo, Japan's wartime leader who was hanged as a war criminal.

Kawanami was merely "purged" by the occupation.

After being "deported" a couple of years later, he started up the Kawanami Industrial Works and for some time made considerable sums of money through manipulating the company stock.

One of his favourite tricks was to announce to the press that he'd received a firm order to build two or three super tankers for a notable foreign shipowner. Up would go the shares in Kawanami and fat loans would be extended by the banks.

Despite vigorous denials by the shipowner's local representative, Kawanami would still maintain the pretence.

On one occasion, the shipowner's agent in Japan inserted photographic copies of cables of denial from New York, in very expensive advertisements in the press. This had little effect on Kawanami who is as unscrupulous in business as he is ruthless in politics.

STRANGE MANNER

The Minister of Justice has sworn to throw every charge in the book against the plotters, but with the quaint state of the law in Japan—and the equally strange manner in which it is administered—it is a quite safe bet to say these 13 will all soon be out on bail and the case against them, if any, will not get into court for a year or so. A final verdict here could take as long as ten years to hand down.

As an example of this state of affairs, it is now about six years since the American manager of a worldwide banking company and two of the Japanese cashiers were charged with embezzlement, fraudulent conversion of funds and a few other counts.

The American is still on bail—and on the bank payroll as his case hasn't been tried—and he cuts quite a figure in Tokyo's so-called society. He could be easily another six years before his case gets to court.

Petrol and a bath please!

An enterprising garage owner in Osaka has built a teashop and bath house next to his service station. Car drivers may take a free bath while their vehicles are being serviced. The owner believes the bath and relaxation will help the drivers to "act more cautiously."

INSTANT READINESS!

It's Strauss's subtle sell to get Germany's finger on the nuclear trigger

THE full extent of the German drive to secure control of a nuclear striking force has now become apparent following an analysis by intelligence experts of the activities of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his henchman Franz-Josef Strauss.

Strauss, West Germany's thrusting Defence Minister, toured Washington's military departments and peddled this persuasive argument—

Prime advantage of the nuclear-tipped Pershing rockets which Germany is buying from the U.S. is their instant readiness for firing.

Unlike the Thor rockets in Britain, which take at least 15 minutes to fill with liquid fuels, the solid fuel of the Pershings can be set off at the touch of a button.

In Paris

So why should German rocket commanders nullify this great advance by U.S. scientists by wasting time on the long-distance telephone to secure the U.S. President's permission to fire them?

Only by having on-the-spot decision in Europe—and preferably in Germany, where the rockets are sited — can military

advantage be taken of instant readiness.

Strauss is to apply this argument in the Paris talks to the 500 longer-range H-bomb rockets which U.S. Nato chief General Lauris Norstad wants to supply to Germany and other Nato countries. They too will have "instant readiness."

Danger

To put political punch behind this argument, Adenauer has told President Kennedy that as Germany stands in greatest danger from Russian nuclear attack in Europe she should have a major share of the Western nuclear weapons and some control over decisions to use them.

by

CHAPMAN PINCHER

He wants to shift the power of decision to unleash nuclear war from Washington and London to Europe, which the Germans will eventually dominate.

He wants Germany's finger firmly on the Nato nuclear trigger. For though the fingers of 14 other Nato nations may also be resting on it, the pressure of Germany's alone may one day be strong enough to pull it.

As always, German demands begin small and rapidly become big.

Thumbed nose

Adenauer's purpose is to secure greater political power for West Germany through increasing control over nuclear weapons and to build up a military machine ultimately big enough to bring about the reunification of East and West Germany.

Recently, after talking with Adenauer, Kennedy said there was no possibility of German reunification so long as the Russians do not want it.

But Adenauer immediately thumbed his nose at the President by declaring that reunification is to be the prime West German aim.

Kennedy said he would be "extremely reluctant" to see the Germans acquire nuclear weapons of their own.

But, in a manner reminiscent of pre-war days, Adenauer has brashly declared that while Germany renounces the use or threat of force, Nato—which will soon be mainly Germany—must be given H-bomb strength equal to the Russians.

There is no sound military argument in favour of nuclear weapons for Germany. East and West already have more than enough for mutual deterrence. Unfortunately the U.S. President does not seem to have the resolution to get tough with the Germans.

He is under pressure from U.S. arms who want to sell nuclear arms to Germany, from Norstad and other Nato generals who want more power... and from the Germans who already have the biggest army in Western Europe.

Their own

He also fears that unless the Germans are given some control they will be driven to make their own nuclear weapons. Why let them? Remember that Hitler's control over Britain was planned to last a thousand years.

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Keio University hockey team opens Hongkong tour tomorrow

By "NUMPERE"

The two main features in the holiday hockey programme are the visit of Keio University from Japan and the Boxing Day Festival.

The programme for the Keio University's visit is: Tomorrow versus Hongkong Selection at King's Park. Sunday, Dec. 24: versus Combined Civilians at Sookunpoo. Sunday, Dec. 31: versus All-Hongkong at Recreation. Wednesday, Jan. 3: versus Combined Services at Sookunpoo. All matches will start at 2.30 pm.

New line-ups

Since the Colony teams for the first two matches were announced there have been some withdrawals and the line-ups now are:

Hongkong Selection: Fisher (RAF), Pedruco (Recreio), Monteiro (Recreio), McCosh (Nav Bharat), Rahman (IRC), Tait (KCC), Ling (Nav Bharat), Paddle (Army), Ryan (RAF), Holmes (Army), (Capt), Colaco (Recreio).

Combined Civilians: Kadu (Prisons), Felton (Nav Bharat), Nery (KCC), Castro (Recreio), B. Singh (Nav Bharat), McCall (Nav Bharat), Carnell (KCC), Dattani (IRC), Hussain (Prisons), Gardiner (Nav Bharat), (Capt), Gutierrez (Recreio).
Reserves: Pedruco (Recreio), Gosamo (Recreio).

and Nav Bharat 'C' vs Combined Schools.
 In a First Division match played last Wednesday, RAF defeated Army 'A' 3-2 to bring off another surprise. RAF lost their first four matches of the season but, since then, they have only dropped one point in five games and are currently sitting in fourth place in the league table.

As this will be the last column before Christmas I would like to take this opportunity of extending the season's greetings to all members of the hockey fraternity.

Fixtures

The following are the fixtures for the weekend:

TOMORROW
 Hongkong Selection vs Keio University, at King's Park, 2.30 pm.

SUNDAY
 Combined Civilians vs Keio University, at Sookunpoo, 2.30 pm.

Third Division
 KCC 'C' vs IRC 'B' at KCC, 11.30 am.

Nav Bharat 'C' vs Combined Schools, at Sookunpoo, 11.30 am.

Italians hope Pietrangeli will play first match in Davis Cup final

Melbourne, Dec. 21.

Italian Davis Cup co-captain Vanni Canepile said today his team had only one wish for next week's clash with Australia — they want Nicola Pietrangeli drawn to play the opening match.

The first two singles matches will be staged at Kooyong, Melbourne, on Tuesday, the doubles on Wednesday and the final two singles on Thursday.

Canepile denied today that he wanted Pietrangeli to play Roy Emerson rather than Neale Fraser or Rod Laver in the first match.

Canepile said: "That is only half true. I think it would be a very good thing for Pietrangeli to play first, but it does not matter whom he plays."

He added: "Pietrangeli usually plays the second match in the Davis Cup. We would like to see how he goes at No. 1."

Orlando Sirola was drawn to play first in both the Inter-zone Final against America, and the Challenge Round against Australia last December.

He lost both times, and so did Remy Fausto Gardini, who played first when Italy met America again this year.

Extra 'heart'

The Melbourne Herald's tennis writer said today the Italians realise that their main hope of getting the best out of Sirola next week is for Pietrangeli to give them a flying start by taking the opening match.

"This would be sure to put extra 'heart' into Sirola, who persists in his opinion that Italy have only a 25 per cent chance of winning," he said.

"The Australians enjoy one big advantage over Italy in the tactical battle—they know Pietrangeli and Sirola will be their opponents in both singles and doubles."

"All the Italians can be certain of is that Laver will be Australia's No. 1 singles player and Emerson will occupy the right court in the doubles," China Mail Special.

PMs lead Malaya, Singapore touring golf teams

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 21.

Tunku Abdul Rahman, the Prime Minister of Malaya, and Mr. Lee Kuan-yew, Singapore's Prime Minister, left here today for Bangkok.

They have gone for a week-end's golfing against a team led by the Thai Foreign Minister, Mr. Thanat Khoman.

They took with them 18 leading Malayan golfers.—Reuters.



New Zealanders all out for 155

Benoni, Dec. 21.

The New Zealand touring cricket team were dismissed for 155 on the opening day of their match against Northeastern Transvaal here.

Northeastern Transvaal were 30 for two wickets in reply at the close.—Reuters.

A new cricket 'power bat'

London, Dec. 21.
 Ken Harrington, one of the great successes of the MCC tour in India and Pakistan, has been using a new kind of cricket bat.

The bat has a long handle in which there are six coiled steel springs, inserted under pressure. They give the "power bat" what the maker describes as a lot more "whoomph" when the ball is struck.

Several prototypes of the "power bat" have been tried this winter in English cricket schools but Harrington is the first player to use it on "active service."

The bats will be on sale next season and will cost about one pound more than the standard models.

It is being suggested here that one should be given to Mike Smith, who has been having a terribly lean time on the tour, as a Christmas present.—AFP.

Two softball 'doubleheaders' this weekend

By OLLY VAS

This weekend's softball schedule is confined to only Junior League games and a unique feature of the programme is the inclusion of two 'doubleheaders' in which the Austers, Antelopes and the Overseas will be taking part.

On Saturday the powerful Saints from Cornwall-road take on the Servicemen from Shatin. The Austers, in the opening match of the week at 2.30 pm. The 'Austers' third baseman, Stan Larsen is setting a hot pace in the batting race, with six home runs already to his credit in only 22 times at bat. Against the easy pitching of the Austers the Saints' hitters should get at least one four-bagger as the side goes on to its sixth victory to stay in the running for the Junior Championship.

Made history

At 4.00 pm the Indians take on the University and they should win by a narrow margin.

Johnny Chavez's team dropped two games at the beginning of the season, but after this shaky start they made softball history by registering three shut-out victories, which included two consecutive no-hitters. It is obvious that they have now settled down to the game and I pick them to hand University their second loss of the season.

The Little Leaguers get off to an early start on Sunday at 10.00 am when the Rebels clash with SCAA who are still without a win to date. The Rebels should take the decision.

At 1.30 the Austers play off their second match, this time against SCAA. The result could go either way here.

No entries yet

To round up the softball for the week the Antelopes play the Overseas at 2.00 pm and vice versa some ninety minutes later. In the second double match this week, The Antelopes are a rapidly improving side and it should surprise no one if they register a double victory.

Sports Diary

TOMORROW
HKAAA Special Open Meeting, South China Stadium, 2 pm.
Cricket
 Knock-out tournament final at HKCC, 3.30 pm.
 2nd Division: Garrison v Crusaders.

Hockey
 1st Division: Kitchee v Kwong Wah (Police), 2.30 pm.
 Reserve Division: Kitchee v Kwong Wah (Police), 2 pm.
 3rd Division: Redifusion v HK Aircraft (HV), 2.15 pm; Shell v Hon Yung (HV), 2.15 pm; Swan v Dodwell (HV), 3.45 pm; C & W v Tramways (HV), 3.45 pm; Police v China Gas (HV), 3.45 pm.

Hockey
 Hongkong Selection vs Keio University team, King's Park, 2.30 pm.
Tennis
 SCAA Open Hard Court matches, King's Park, 2.30 pm.

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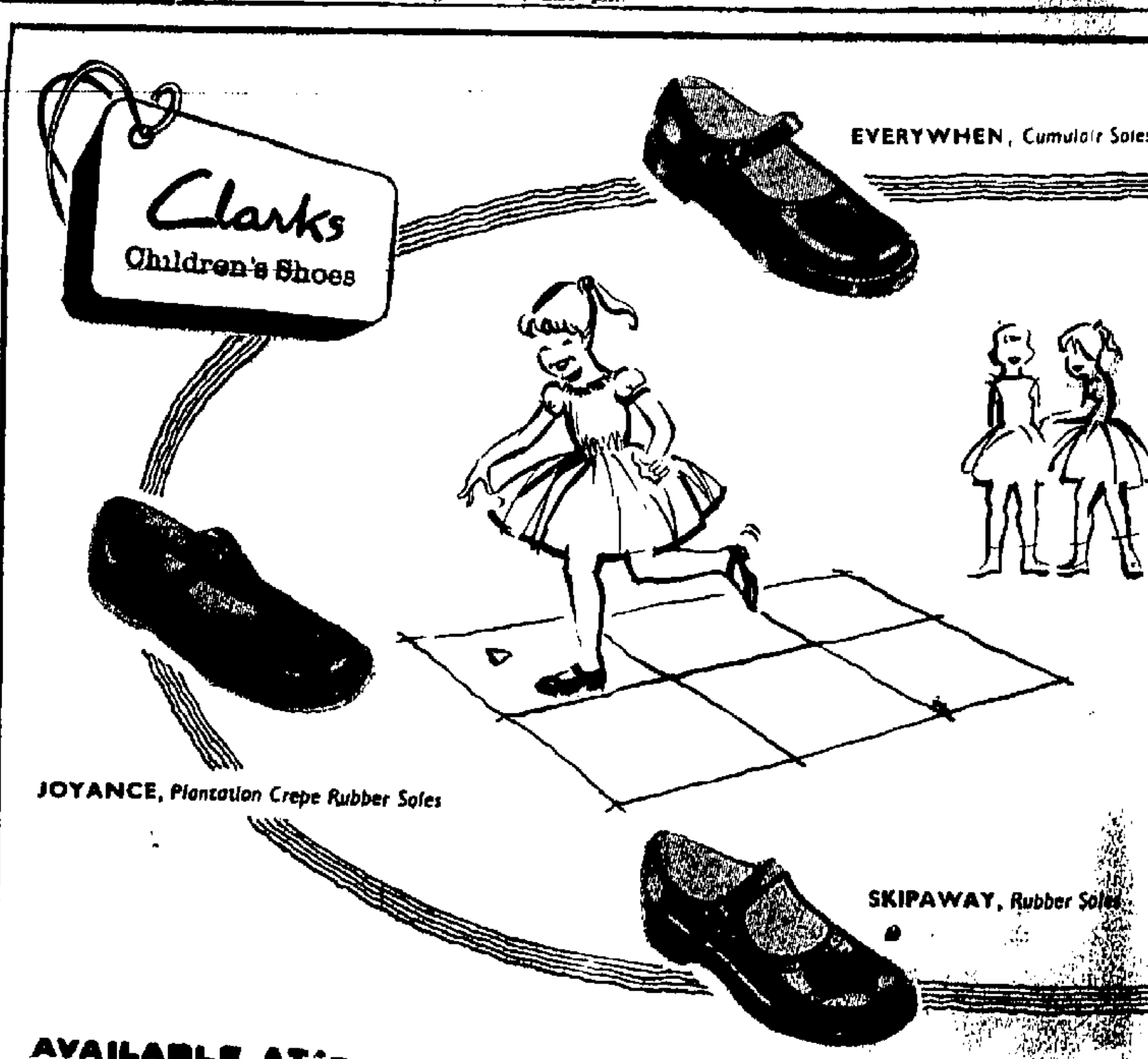
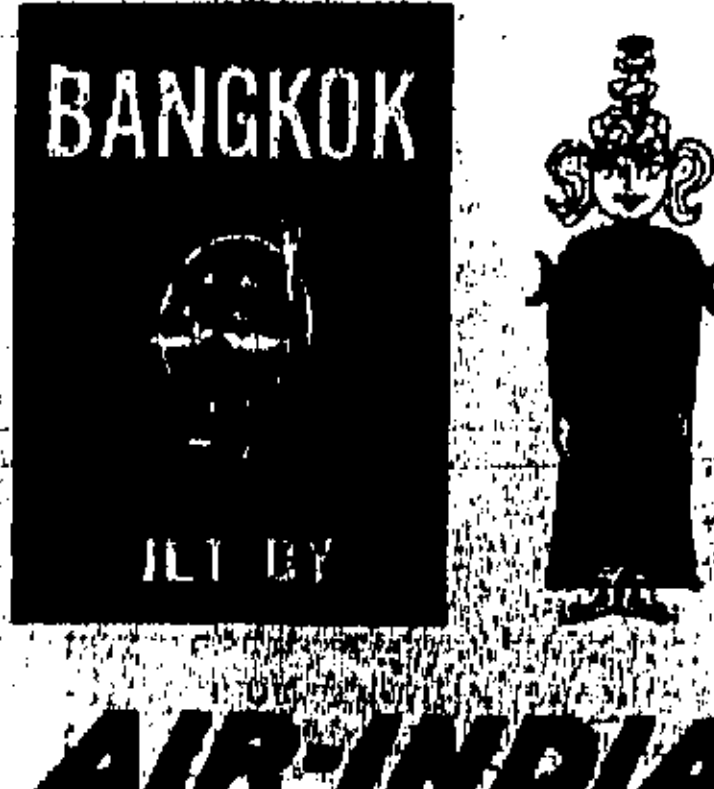
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Talking Sport

AAA muddle at root of coaching dissension

The moral of athletics' latest storm in a teacup—the resignation of a third national coach—is plain. The officials must settle their own differences, then devise a hard and fast system for the appointment of coaches for international teams. The outburst and the resignation of Lionel Pugh need never have taken place at all, were the whole problem not shrouded in ambiguity.

Pugh's interpretation of the method of appointing coaches was quite tenable on the facts.

He was scarcely to know that the authorities were playing to rules of their own, whereby a turn as coach in Britain did not count as a turn for the purposes of matches abroad. But then, though the AAA may be blamed for not making their intentions clear, they too are obviously entitled to their own interpretation.

To the outsider, the principle of Buggins' turn is always a dubious one.

Mr. Ernest Clynnes, the AAA secretary, assures me that the preter to regard their top three coaches as being equal in status. Recent dissension, both here and in the American athletic world, suggests it might be safer to regard one as more equal than other.

The facts

But first the AAA and the British Board must accept the facts: (1) that a chief coach exists, (2) that he automatically accompanies all international teams abroad, (3) that it is wise and necessary for him to do so.

At present, one official will refer to Geoff Dyson's years as "chief coach" while another will deny that the position existed.

Lack of such agreement, and bad Press relations, brought about the recent, unhappy affair of the Paris international. No coach went and the authorities stated none was available—whereupon two alleged that they were.

The most sensible suggestion I have heard comes from senior members of the International Athletics Club. That a chief coach be appointed from one Olympics to the next, with a deputy, to be chosen by fellow-coaches, on a rota basis.

Pegasus in danger

Is it too late to save Pegasus, the winged horse which has apparently flown too near the sun?

It would be a tragedy for British football were it to disappear for such a club could give Society, in time, the administrators it so desperately needs.

And yet—ironically—the crisis of Pegasus appears to be itself a crisis of administration.

The old spirit of the team, largely composed of ex-School boys, that twice won the Amateur Cup seems dead. Younger players appear to have been discouraged and alienated to such an extent that the team, in the match against Cambridge University, had to be called "Pegasus" because the players could not raise a team.

The case of this year's Cambridge captain, Wilton, who left the club because he was refused permission to play in a match for his local club, Harwich and Parkeston, is a particularly sad and symptomatic one. Not was there any reason why Pegasus should have been that other gifted half back, Paddy Walsh, now playing happily for the Corinthians-Central.

John Tanner, the Oxford and amateur international centre-forward, who worked so hard for Pegasus both on and off the field, resigned from the committee this year.

Ken Shearwood, their former centre-half, who coached the side last season with great ability, tells me he's "heard absolutely nothing from them, and shan't be doing anything with them." Yet his enthusiasm for the club is as great as ever, and he's sure that Arthur Rowe, the Crystal Palace manager,

who once coached Pegasus, would gladly give his help.

The deep irony of it all is that Dr. "Tommy" Thompson, who founded and inspired the club, now finds himself president of a vanishing entity. There can be only two solutions. Either Pegasus must be governed by younger men, fully in sympathy with the modern generation of under-21 players, or it must die and a new club can then take its place. Let us hope the club does not become necessary.

Jeeps comes back

Dickie Jeeps has had the laugh on everybody.

After weeks in which his critics were baying his international career with indecent haste, accusing him of being slow, too old at 30, and standing in the way of the rising generation, his brilliance in the

England Rugby trial has silenced them all.

Jeeps is philosophically amused by it all. "You know how trials are," he modestly said. "Sort of scrappy football."

As for the strictures on his play, "I've been much

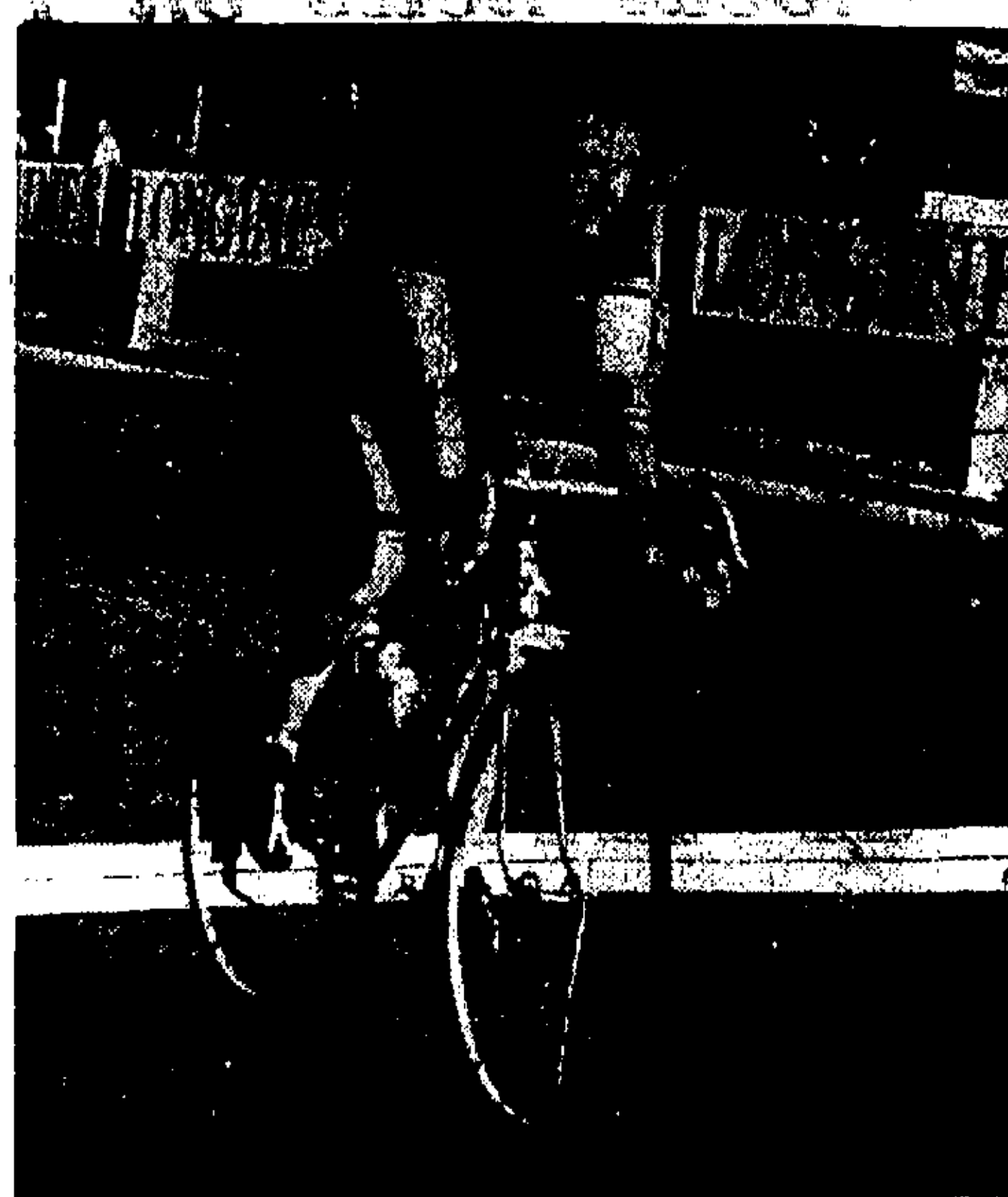
WADDELL FOR U.S.A.

GORDON WADDELL, the Cambridge University and Scotland fly-half, whose excellent play this season has been a feature of the Cambridge fifteen's undefeated run, is going to America. In the autumn of next year he will take up residence at Stanford University, in California, where he will follow a two-year course in business administration.

To what extent he'll find himself able to pick up the threads of first-class Rugby again, on his return, must be a matter for speculation. One doubts if he is really large enough to find much scope in American football, a world made safer and safer, these days, for gorillas with athletic scholarships, weighing anything up to 20 stone.

Meanwhile, he will probably have a spell with a London stockbroking firm before he leaves for the States; time enough, perhaps, for the odd game with London Scottish.

There is also news of Tony O'Reilly, the Irish "Lion". He is having trouble with his back, which may put him out of the game for anything up to three months. Ireland, who play their first international against England at Twickenham on February 10, must piously hope that the back mends before then.



ENGLISH NOT SPOKEN: The most promising British racing cyclist of the day can scarcely speak a word of English. Michael Wright, who is 19 years old, has spent all but five of those years in Liege, taken there by his widowed mother, after she had married a Belgian. The picture shows him riding in the 1961 World Championships.

Last summer, Wright won ten important races in Belgium alone, took part successfully in the Tour de l'Avenir—a sort of minor Tour de France, for young hopefuls—but refused to compete in the Tour itself, on the grounds that he was not yet old enough.

He should certainly be taking part in it next year. I hear that he will be turning professional with the Groene Leeuw (Green Lion) team at the beginning of the 1962 season.



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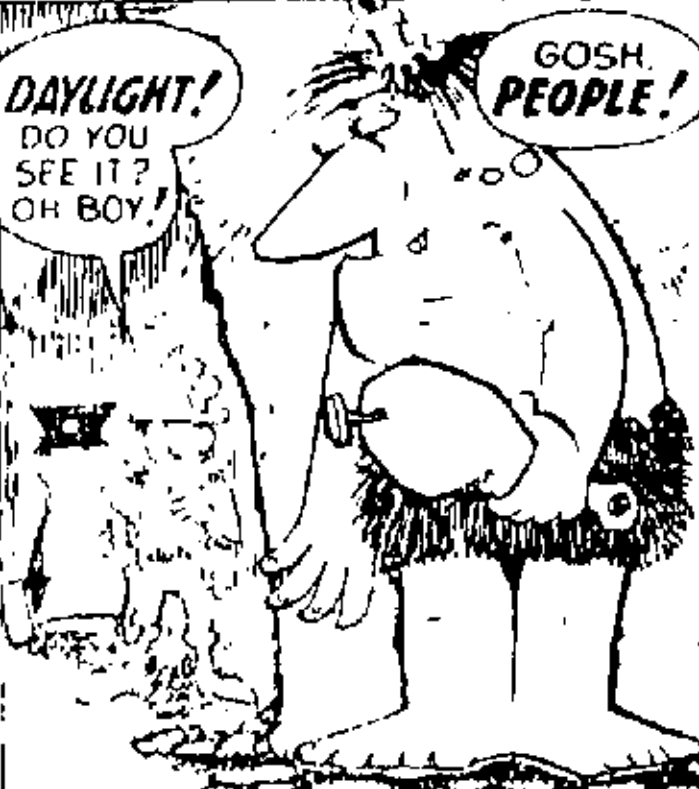
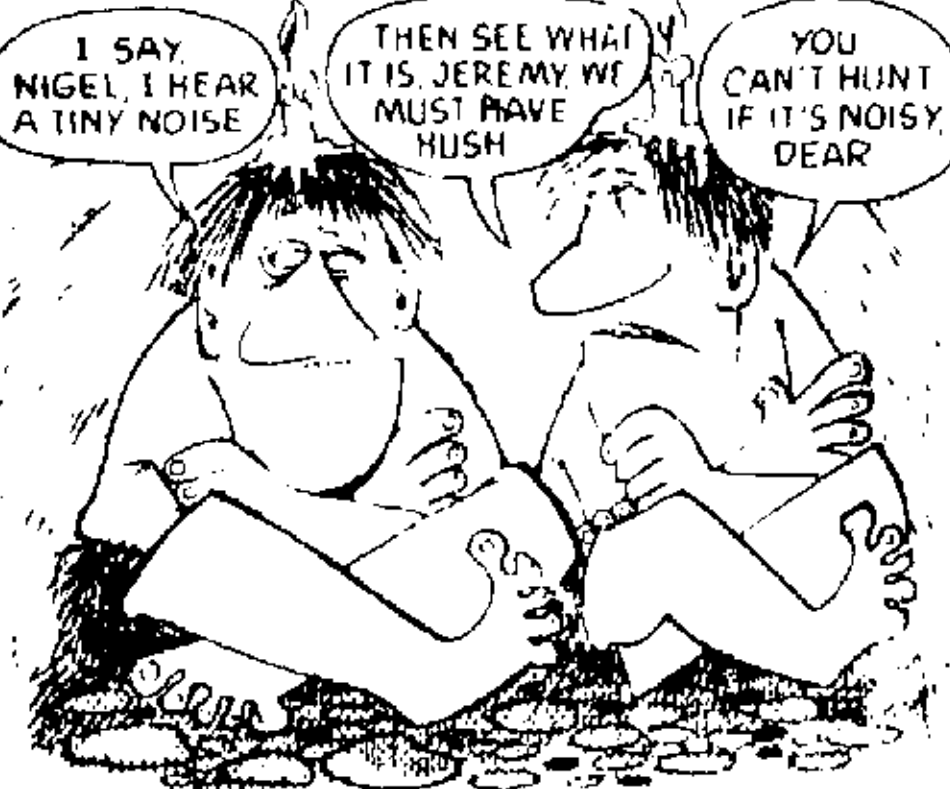
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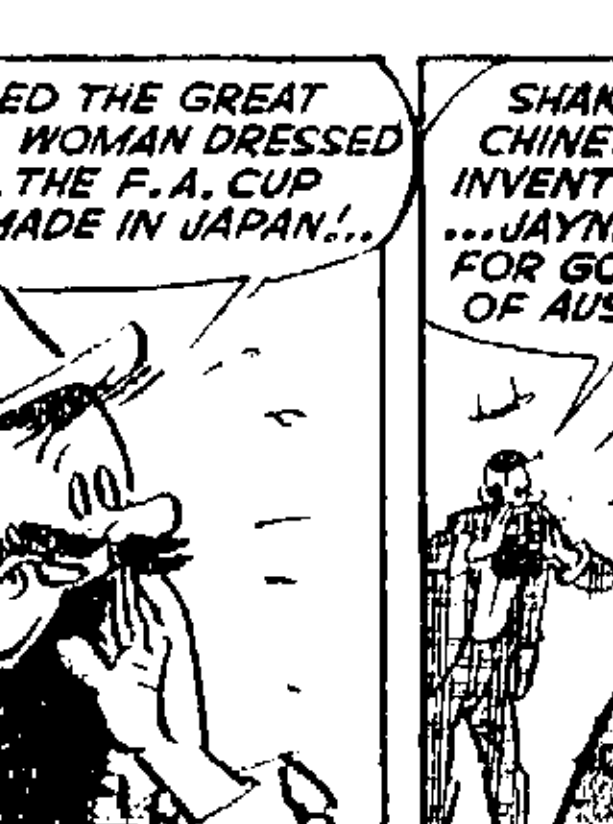


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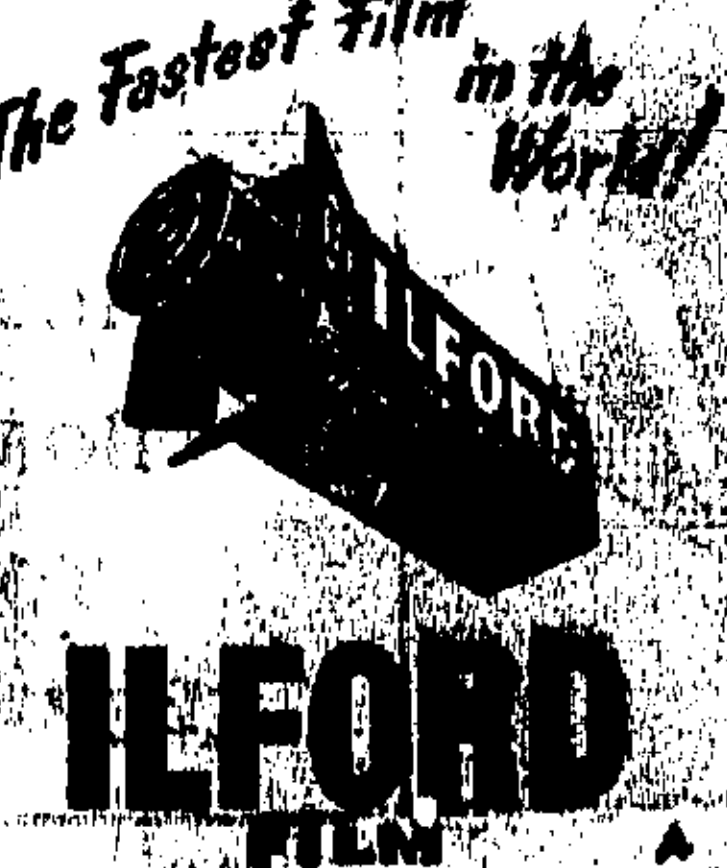


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China Mail survey of Colony shops shows CHEAPER CHRISTMAS

Japanese settle 24-year-old claim

A long-standing claim of HK\$52,000 by Shanghai Dockyards Ltd. against the Japanese Government for losses sustained during the "China Incident" in 1937, has now been settled.

This was announced by the Chairman of Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd. Mr. G. T. Tagg, at the annual meeting this morning.

Mr. Tagg said the companies' properties in China were still under requisition by the Chinese Government and the United States investments and bank balances remain blocked under a U.S. Treasury order.

Gross income for the year amounted to HK\$116,793 and the greater part of this was blocked by the U.S. Treasury.

Profit for the year ended September 30, 1961, was \$104,440. To this sum was added the sum of \$592,217 brought forward from the previous year, which, with the \$52,000 paid by the Japanese Government, made a total credit balance of \$748,657.

The directors proposed that this balance should be carried forward.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. J. H. Liddell was re-elected a director.

Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

\$3,000 FINE FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURER

A Chinese manufacturer who claimed Commonwealth preference certificates for 44,000 joss flowers when he had manufactured only 30,000 himself and bought 14,000 from Canton, was fined \$3,000 with the alternative of three months jail today.

Sentence was imposed by Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistracy on Chung Ying-chow, 66, of 8 Boundary-st. ground floor, Kowloon who was sole proprietor of a factory known as Hing Tai Cheung.

He admitted making false statements to the Department of Commerce and Industry to obtain Commonwealth Preference certificates.

The court was told the flowers were for Thailand. On another occasion, Chung applied for CP certificates for 100,000 joss flowers also for Thailand which he claimed had also all been made in his own factory. He made 70,000 and bought the remainder from Canton.

Rev. Insp. C. C. Kerswill told the magistrates that this type of offence constantly bedevilled the efforts of the DC & I to maintain a certificate system which must remain acceptable to other countries.

He added that it took considerable time and money to investigate this case and that the "good name" of the Colony in trading circles was jeopardised.

Government appointments gazetted

The following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings were announced in today's Government Gazette.

Mr. D. H. Jordan to be Defence Secretary and Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary. Mr. E. I. Lee to be Deputy Financial Secretary.

Mr. J. P. Potter to act as Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands. Mr. D. H. A. Moore to act as Senior Estate Surveyor.

Dr. L. M. Wertheim, Dr. Chan Sui-hui, Dr. Chan Chui Sai-hui, Dr. Lee Hau Chiu-ien, Dr. Li Shun-hui and Dr. George Ou Tai-wai to be Senior Medical and Health Officers. Dr. Eric James Burnard to be Medical and Health Officer.

Mr. A. P. Richardson, Mr. J. C. C. Walden, Mr. D. M. Selous, Mr. J. M. Rawlins and Mr. Li Fook-kow to be Senior Administrative Officers.

Mr. Gordon Whithead and Mr. Richard Cole to be Air Traffic Control Officers, Class 1.

Miss May Fong to be Senior Radiographer.

Mr. Robert Sun Yuan-chuang to act as Senior Information Officer.

Mr. K. K. Lane to act as Senior Divisional Officer, Fire Services Department.

H. T. Hutchins and Mr. Fred Jackson to act as Divisional Officers.

Mr. E. M. A. Bowyer to act as Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control). Mr. R. C. Trill to act as Senior Marine Officer.

Mr. Wu Pak-kam to be Marine Officer.

Capt. R. A. Currier-Briggs to act as Senior Veterinary Officer on resumption of duty by Mr. J. M. Riddle-Swan.

Mr. Andrew Salmon to act as Chief Officer, Prisons Department.

Mr. P. W. Smith to act as Chief Officer (Hospital), Prisons Department.

ALSO, MORE TO CHOOSE FROM

By DAVID LAN

Christmas will be cheaper for most Hongkong people this year and there will be more to choose from in food and in goods suitable for gifts.

This was revealed by a China Mail survey of Christmas shopping conditions in the Colony.

There are, for example, 112,000 pounds of turkey (about 50 tons) in stock for the season's celebrations.

And the price is cheaper than last year—\$3 per pound instead of the average of \$3.50 charged last Christmas.

Shipments of turkey—all from America this year—arrived at the end of October and sales have been "fairly good" this month. The big rush, however, started from yesterday.

Fruit

Large shipments of fruit have come in from Taiwan, China, Thailand, America and many other countries. This has kept prices down, and there should be ample stocks to cope with the big demand over Yuletide festivities.

Considering the bigger and better selection and the cheaper prices of toys, children should have a happier Christmas because parents will have a greater selection of toys to choose from—toys which have been imported from Japan, Italy, the U.S., the U.K., West Germany, France, Australia, Canada and Singapore.

"Many of the toys have never been seen in Hongkong before," said one executive of a big store.

Space age

There are space age toys—rockets, missiles, satellites, moon-landing gadgets and what have you. Those made in plastic are cheaper and often more attractive than those in metal.

There is a trend towards spring motivation rather than electric propulsion in these space-age toys for more realistic effects.

"A little boy can have a new model car at \$2.20, a new model bus at \$4, or a 1960 model aeroplane or helicopter for \$2.20, a tumbling plane for \$1.30 or a wind-up spring flying helicopter for only \$7.50.

Soft toys—particularly animals—whose range was greatly enlarged this year, are still favourites for girls and younger tots. Some soft toys, imported from America, range from \$15 to \$80. There are koala bears, elephants, goliaths, rabbits, dogs etc.

One big department store has on sale for the first time racing motor cars at \$500 each.

Game sets ranging from \$15 to \$495 are also available. The

most expensive game set is the "compendium collection," an assembly of 10 different games in one—also seen for the first time ever in Hongkong.

Better sales

Even cameras are expected to sell better this year, although Christmas business in this line depends much on tourists and overseas buyers.

"This is because mass-production in various countries has brought about keener competition, wider distribution and lower prices in certain categories," said the manager of one leading photographic store.

The price range? Anywhere from \$15 to \$2,000.

A popular gift item this year is the bank cash coupon which people can buy and present to anyone without worrying about the choice of a gift.

Christmas cards and decoration articles enjoyed a brisk sale early this season. There was an estimated 30 per cent increase in sales during the last fortnight.

By far the best-seller is the Christmas tree. One leading stationery shop sold 300 plastic and aluminium Christmas trees in two weeks.

A six-foot plastic tree, either green or white, can be had for from \$25 to \$45 and the same tree can be used year after year.

Fresh trees are selling anywhere between \$5 and \$60 each. For those who favour wines there is this year a greater variety of Australian wines which are cheaper than most others but are of exceptionally good quality.

You can have Australian claret or sauternes at \$7 a bottle or Australian sherries at \$7.50 a bottle.

While most wines from Italy, West Germany, Portugal or Spain are selling at steady prices, French wines have gone up by 30 per cent because of production cutbacks.

Many stores are selling gift packages of two bottles each—whisky and sherry or brandy and port, or whisky and gin, two whiskeys or two brandies. Their prices range from \$32.50 to \$46 a package.

Power-pack

Available also are packages of three, four or five. But by far the most power-packed gift is a case of 12 including famous brands of brandy, whisky, champagne, gin, vodka, port, sherry, claret and Bordeaux wine at \$275 a case.

There are quite a number of new records for Christmas this year at leading music stores. For examples: The beautiful "Messiah" by Handel, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham, the new Harry Belafonte LP, "Christmas Carol," Perry Como's "Christmas Album," the Westminster Choir's "Christmas Carols" and the late Mario Lanza's "Christmas Album."

For those who want something different from the all-too-familiar tunes there is the "London Four-Phase Stereo Record Series" which was specially recorded so as to give the dimension of depth to sound.

One leading jewellery shop in Gloucester Arcade which sold many diamond solitaires, bracelets and brooches in November, is experiencing a rush for pearl necklaces, gold bracelets, men's watches, tie-pins and wallets towards Christmas.

It has on sale a rare clock—run on photo-electric energy—which can tick on in the dark for a year "without winding or battery" and is marked at \$8,800 for the season.

A BONUS WATER SUPPLY

The hours of water supply will be increased over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Water Authority announced this morning that all districts will receive a continuous supply of water from 6 am until 12 midnight on Christmas Day.

A full supply will also be available in all districts from 4 pm on Sunday, December 31, until 9 pm on Monday, January 1.

Charity offer

A diamond-shaped gold pendant watch for a lady, photographed by singer Fabian, is waiting for anyone offering the highest bid to Miss Madge C. Newcombe, Executive Secretary of the Hongkong Council of Social Service.

The proceeds will go to the funds of Operation Santa Claus.

The watch has been presented for this purpose by Miss Anita Kwok, of the Fabian Fan Club, Hongkong.

AEI executive coming to HK

Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Hardman are expected to arrive in Hongkong tomorrow morning from Singapore, in the course of a Far Eastern tour.

Mr. Hardman is Manager of the Eastern Area of Associated Electrical Industries Export Limited.

They plan to stay in Hongkong until January 2, and will then leave for Manila.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1936

Specialists of Kyoto Imperial University Hospital are interested in the case of Masao Minamio, a 25-year-old native of Wakayama prefecture, who claims to be unable to get along without a diet of glass.

Minamio, who was a visitor to the Japan Chronicle office in Kobe last week, thinks nothing of a dozen (empty) bottles of beer a day. Properly on his feed he finishes a bowl of rice by eating the bowl. A nice bit of earthenware does for hors d'oeuvre, and half a dozen electric bulbs—preferably unused—make an excellent supper.

"I am really like a bird inside," he said. "I have no appendix, but a sort of gizzard. The glass eventually gets into the bloodstream and is carried to all part of my body coming to the surface where I pick it out."

50 YEARS AGO

Extract from SCM Post 25 years ago column:

"HONGKONG has every reason to be proud of the part it has played in the sphere of tropical medicine. It was here that the plague bacillus was discovered, and it was also in this Colony that initial steps were taken towards the extermination of the malarial mosquito. 'Hongkong itself has been transformed from a place with an evil reputation into one of the healthiest localities in the East. And in this connection it may be said no one will in the least grudge the Hon. Dr. Atkinson his unbecoming pride in having been instrumental in obtaining the appointment of the first staff of trained nurses to a British Colony. How invaluable have been the services of those nurses is well known."

Indicative of the growing menace of handbag snatchers, who are becoming more ingenious in their methods, two cases were dealt with by Mr. E. Himsforth, at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday. In both cases bicycles were used, and only prompt action prevented these attempts from being wholly successful.

Crown land to be sold by auction

Two lots in San Po Kong will be sold by public auction at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Central Government Offices, on January 22.

The first lot measures 10,000 square feet and the upset price is \$800,000. The second lot is about 5,275 square feet in area and the upset price is \$264,000. Both lots are to be used for residential or commercial purposes.

A third lot in Red Hill, 62,600 square feet in area for residential or institutional purposes, is to be sold at a public auction on January 23.

The upset price is \$300,000.

REPLIES

Mr. El Naggar: We cannot open our columns to protracted legal arguments. You had your say and the French Consul-General has replied. As far as we are concerned, that is the end of it.

—ED.

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